

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (a) None.

(b) This does not arise

Vernacular Middle School, Kattathurai.

39. ***MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR :** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of pupils in the Government V. M. School Kattathurai, Attoor pakuthy, Kalkulam taluk;

(b) the total number of pupils whose mother-tongue is Tamil;

(c) whether Tamil is the medium of instruction in any of the classes; and

(d) whether the public of that locality are petitioning the authorities from the year 1100 to introduce Tamil as the medium of instruction in that school?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*): (a) 357.

(b) 203.

(c) No.

(d) Yes; it was ordered that the question of opening Tamil classes in the school would be considered if and when the people provide at their cost the necessary additional accommodation for the school. The public have not put up any additional building yet.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : With reference to answer to part (d), may I know whether the order of the Government was communicated to the public?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : People concerned have been informed.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know how they were informed?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : Through the officers on the spot.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know the date on which they were informed?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : I am sorry, I have not got that information with me now.

PRESIDENT : I think official members must have the necessary papers with them.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know whether there are any special reasons why in a school where there are 203 Tamil students out of a total of 357, Tamil is not introduced as the medium of instruction?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : There was no serious protest. The school was begun as a Malayalam school and people were willing to educate their children with Malayalam as the medium.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): May I know whether there is any petition for granting permission to hold a Malayalam school adjoining the very same school for the convenience of Malayalam speaking people?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON : I am not aware of it.

Head Pandit in the Curator's Office.

40. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether in filling up the vacancy of the Head Pandit in the Curator's Office the claims of any permanent hand there, have been superseded or overlooked and, if so, the reasons for the same; and

(b) the qualifications for the post and those possessed by both persons concerned?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (a) The vacancy of the Head Pandit in the Curator's office has not been filled up.

(b) The question does not arise in the light of the answer to part (a).

Power House at Pallivasal.

41. ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN :** Will the Government be pleased to furnish particulars on the following points in regard to fixing of a site for the Power House at Pallivasal :

(a) whether Mr. Truscott was specially deputed, before he was appointed here as the Chief Engineer, to examine the site of the Power House;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred therefor;

(c) whether the site of the Power House which had to be dismantled or the one where the Power House is being newly constructed was recommended in his report;

(d) whether any one, now in the department, had opined that the site of the new Power House was the suitable one;

(e) if so, the name of that person;

(f) whether a Civil Engineer had been appointed to supervise the construction of the Power House that has become unsound;

(g) if so, his name and his present employment; and

(h) the place where he is now employed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (a) No, but he was called in to examine the scheme in general.

(b) Rs. 1,200.

(c) He has not recommended any site in the report. He has observed that the original site appeared favourable. The new site has not been mentioned in the report. No Power House has been dismantled.

(d) Yes.

(e) Mr. G. B. E. Truscott.

(f) Yes.

(g) Mr. E. Sivaraman Nair Assistant Engineer (P. W. D.)

(h) Kottayam.

Keezhillam-Kurichilacod road.

42. ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the distance of the first section (Perumbavoor Section) of the Keezhillam-Kurichilacode road;

(b) whether any work was done on the above mentioned first section during the last two years, and if so, the cost of the work done;